PRENATAL DIAGNOSTIC METHODS CROSS-REFERENCES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of identifying embryonic or fetal red blood cells in a sample containing maternal blood cells and embryonic or fetal red blood cells or both, the method comprising determining, which cell or cells contain or express an adult liver component. A method of isolating embryonic or fetal red blood cells from a sample containing maternal blood cells and embryonic or fetal red blood cells or both, the method comprising isolating the cells which contain or express an adult liver component. A method of determining a fetal abnormality the method comprising identifying or isolating embryonic or fetal cells according to the above methods and analysing said embryonic or early fetal cells for said abnormality. Use of a means for determining whether a cell contains or expresses an adult liver component for identifying or isolating an embryonic or fetal red blood cell.